THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The National Security Guard has been allowed recently to induct women commandos.

(b) The Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that they are raising a commando unit of women personnel.

(c) No, Sir.

Killings of Kashmiri Pandits

3474. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM :
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :
SHRI LALIT SURI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the militants gunned down 24 Kashmiri Pandits in a gruesome massacre on March, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been able to identify the assailant and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On March 23, 2003, late in the evening a group of terrorists wearing army uniform killed 24 Kashmiri Pandits including 11 women and 02 children at Nadimarg in District Pulwama, J&K.

(c) and (d) As a result of coordinated operations, Security Forces have been able to establish the involvement of Pak backed terrorists in the Nadimarg massacre. Case under relevant provisions of law has been registered.